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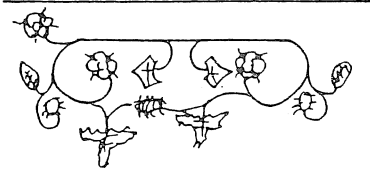
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THREE FORM ENTRY AT ALCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL ?

At the time of writing, we are in the middle of consulting many groups of people about the possibility of taking three forms of entry instead of two. This would mean that in each of Years 7-11 we would have ninety pupils - an extra thirty - so that in five years from the change we would have 150 more than at present - a total of 720.

Why should we change? There are a number of reasons:

1. The Alcester area has more than doubled its population since the 1940s, but the school's intake has remained static.
 2. The local school population is set to grow even more - there will be 22% more children in local primary schools by 1997.
 3. There is to be great growth in housing in the area which will have effects on the future population.
- The change would not take place until September 1994, at the earliest, if it occurs at all. Watch this space.

A.W.S.

MUSIC 1992-93

Concerts :

We held the school concert on November 13, took 50 students to "Noye's Fludde" in Birmingham, provided the music for the Carol Service, and provided a Carol Service at Long Lartin Prison. The Sixth Form ran concerts at Cleeve Prior and Snitterfield and Y10 gave a concert at Alcester Infant School.

Music Competition :

Again a success with over 60 competitors.

Other Activities :

We took part in the Warwickshire County Youth Orchestra, the Warwickshire County Youth Chorale, the Warwickshire County Youth Training Orchestra, the Warwickshire Schools' Prom in Bedworth, and the Warwickshire Chamber Music Festival, where we were highly commended. We took 35 U6th students to the Promenade Concerts and 15 Y7 students to see Urban Strawberry Lunch. We also went to see the Bate Collection in Oxford.

Visiting Groups :

The Kokuma Dance Company, The Contemporary Music Network, Urban Strawberry Lunch visited the school, giving performances and workshops.

Associated Board Successes :

Over 700 candidates took part in the A.B. exams held at the school. Many were our own students and the following who achieved Grade VIII are particularly to be congratulated :

Spencer Braithwaite (saxophone); Alex Taylor (violin); Mireille Stacey (piano); Ruth Chan (piano) with distinction; Jo Hocken (piano); Esther Paul (piano); Helen Davis (oboe); Joanna Powis (viola). An Advanced Certificate was awarded to Philip Bennett (flute).

Joanna Powis gained second prize at Alcester Singers' Competition

R.F.D.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The scheme was introduced in the school in 1984 and since then it has provided the stimulus for many students to go on expeditions, to give service to the community, to take up new hobbies or extend existing ones, and to participate in a physical skill. Many have started on an award but have been unable to complete because of other commitments, so it is quite an achievement to gain an award at any of the three levels. Over the years, 27 students have completed the Bronze Award, a few have achieved Silver, and 4 have managed Gold. During the current year, Bronze Awards have been received by Richard Pennington, Ruth Westbury, Kerry Price, James Walker, Lucy Corbett and Vicky Hawker. A few more are very close to completion, and only need a signature from an assessor to qualify for their award.

The current year has been a particularly good one for expeditions. In addition to several practice expeditions which went well, all those who took part in qualifying expeditions were successful, including 14 at Bronze level, 8 at Silver and 5 at Gold. Two more hope to do their expeditions for Gold at Outward Bound Courses in the Summer.

J.M.H.

FORTY YEARS ON

"40 years on, growing older and older, shorter in wind as in memory long, feeble of foot and rheumatic of shoulder, twenty and thirty and forty years on....." and so it goes, our old Alcester Grammar School song which used to ring out across the school playing field at the end of every sports day.

I don't know when the school song was abolished, but if any of you in the school today remember it, then you are older than you are letting on! There's probably a copy of it somewhere in the school archives if any of you are interested, and for those of you who had parents at the school, I am sure they will remember it well. This is why we, the class of '52, have organised a school reunion; because it is now 40 years on since we started at Alcester Grammar School.

1952 - 1957 were our years, and life has changed dramatically since then; and not only school life but also life in general. We have not had a reunion in all these years and "getting it together", so to speak, has been an exciting and rewarding experience.

Imagine 60 people from areas such as Alcester, Stratford, Bidford, Welford, Astwood Bank, Studley, Beoley, Wythall etc. who have probably moved homes over the years, far and wide over the country, and some to other parts of the world. This was the task we set ourselves. "We" being in the first instance three "girls": myself, (Wendy Morton), Norma Hemming and Audrey East. We then enlisted the help of three "boys": Alec Edmonds, Vic Beston and Pete Gill, and formed the **ALCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1952 REUNION COMMITTEE**.

First of all we gathered together all known information from each other, about people we personally had kept in contact with over the years, and then we put articles in local newspapers.

This brought rewards with either ex-pupils themselves or relatives who still lived in the area who had passed on the article to people

who had moved. We had a wonderful response from all over the country: London, High Wycombe, Gloucester and several other places too. These people also had further contacts to give us of the friends they had kept in touch with and so it escalated..... We sadly found out that three of the girls had died and one of the boys also.

The next thing the committee had to do was to arrange a day in the summer for everyone to meet up again. The obvious venue was of course Alcester Grammar School itself, and with the kind co-operation of your headmaster, Mr. Shearn, we arranged a tour of the school for the afternoon of Saturday 12 June 1993. You cannot imagine the changes that have taken place since those years so long ago! But the best part was walking through the "old" parts of the school, along those hallowed corridors, hearing the ghosts of prefects saying "Walk, don't run!" and reliving those wonderful years of times past - going into classrooms that had not changed structurally since our day, standing where we knew we had sat in class, in rows one behind the other, where teachers came to us for each lesson, not in different rooms as now.

Walking across the playground that was, and the playing field too, where we spent our breaks in all weather, rain or snow, building up friendships with each other that have lasted all our lives, and now meeting up again with all those people and still remembering times, good and bad, from our years spent at Alcester Grammar School.

Finally, we needed an evening venue where we could all relax and enjoy reminiscing with each other. We chose Broom Hall, just outside Alcester, for this. We also arranged for a 50's Disco and raffle - this was to be "School" orientated, and provided a bit of entertainment during the evening.

We also decided that because everyone had had such a wonderful day, that this would now be an annual event which the committee would arrange each year. Of course we would not need a tour of your school every time, but just to meet up again after all these years was such an emotional experience for everyone, we could not just let it go after all the hard work put into it by all concerned. Several ex-pupils from other years have contacted us over the past few weeks, enquiring about our reunion and asking how to get one started for themselves. We have passed on what we hope is useful information. What it really boils down to is hard work, but I can assure you that at the end of the day, every second spent on this exercise was certainly worth it, not only for me, but for all concerned.

I hope that has been of interest to you. I don't remember ever having an article in the school magazine while I was at school, and hope that one day one or more of you will do what we have done! I wish you all good luck for the future, and remember, your days at Alcester Grammar School will become some of the happiest ones of your life. Really!

Wendy Taylor, Née Morton,
Ex-Pupil, 1952-1957.

SIXTH FORM BLOCK WEEK MOCK COURT

This amicable affair was a Balaam brainwave; assisted by the jovial P.C. Benjamin we were given an interesting and lively insight into courtroom procedure.

The situation: Mr. Steven Maher (17) and Mr. Richard Martin (17) were allegedly caught stealing from a Henley electrical shop. After advising their clients to plead Not Guilty, barristers for the defence David Turner, Jill Bennett and Jon Tait prepared for the mightily onslaught from the counsel for the prosecution. What followed included a psychiatric report on one of the defendants (no prizes for guessing who), accusations of adultery and a public confession by a member of the jury!

There was a consistent argument from the prosecution, Richard Walsh "Q.C." aided by Claire Hollier. Despite some heated discussions with the defence, Judge James Wally managed to keep control of the courtroom.

In a brilliant summing up David Turner turned the whole case around but this still wasn't enough to convince the jury of the defendants' innocence, and they were found guilty.

Judge Wally said that what they had done was a crime for which they would spend a long time paying their debt to society. Mr. Maher had to be carried out of the room in tears.

Altogether, the whole episode was a great success and the entire lower sixth had an enjoyable time taking part in the courtroom drama of the year.

Jon Tait

LOWER 6TH GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO MARLE HALL

The prospect of spending a long week in Wales, where it would undoubtedly rain 90% of the time, did not seem very inviting to the forty-or-so geography students who left Alcester Grammar School on 15th March 1993. Three minibuses packed to the brim with clinometers, ranging poles, measuring tapes, quadrats, suitcases and the odd student travelled the three and half hour journey to the familiar AGS haunt of Marle Hall, near Llandudno, North Wales. We arrived and found out, to our despair, that we were to begin work straight away. After being kitted out in traditional green, geography students' waterproof jackets, we started the steep climb up Little Orme in Llandudno. After a short blast of information on the geology of the area by Mr. Stenger we made our way back down with a collection of enthusiastic teachers shouting "Look at the solution hollows!". The sight of the more energetic amongst us bounding up and down the hillside was not very encouraging!

We covered both human and physical aspects of geography during our trip. On the human side, we visited the University town of Bangor in order to study the Central Business District, which was done quickly and efficiently after a great deal of organisation; several students decided to study Woolworth's pick 'n' mix as well! We also had the opportunity to look around Dinorwig hydro-electric power station, which acts as an important emergency source of electricity.

As North Wales boasts extremely good examples of the effects of glaciation, we walked up to Cwm Idwal and looked down into Nant

...with the rain and wind to write down some kind of notes. On returning to Marle Hall we had our regular study session after dinner and managed to decipher the writing on the sheets of pulp which faintly resembled paper. In our five day stay, we also managed a beach study at Llandudno and a study of the river Aber. There were inevitably people falling into the river at certain times and I know a lot of people lost their lunch because of the need for extra objects to be used to measure river velocities!

It wasn't all work though! The teachers finally let us loose on the town on the last night. Overall, the field course went very well apart from Ben Freeman's "trip" to hospital, after encountering concrete on stepping out of the minibus on our night out! Thanks very much to Mr. Stenger, Mrs. Beesley, Miss Collins, Mrs. Johnson and all the staff at Marle Hall for giving us an informative and enjoyable week. The only really bad parts were the journeys, but then what can you expect when you travel in the same minibus as Dave Turner, who loves to talk about his fascination with sheep!...

Pauline Hubner

FLYING EXPERIENCE

Travel with a small group of friends and many other unknown cadets to an RAF base deep in the middle of Shropshire. Quite excited, but maybe a little nervous, never having flown in a small aircraft before. Watch a video, having safety instructions engraved in your mind. An officer jokes confidently "If you make a parachute jump you get to keep the rip cord," (begin to worry slightly) - "but no cadet has ever had to jump out of a Chipmunk before!" This relieves the tension.

Called into the parachute room; change into coarse green flying suit. Sit down on the padded base of the parachute pack. The straps are tightened. Trapped! Finally the helmet. The inner skin gives a frog-like appearance.

The previous victim walks in. Grinning. Wonder why...

Stand, hunched from the weight and position of the parachute. Awkwardly clamber into the plane. An old aircraft with a single propellor. Looks as though it could fall apart in mid-flight. Can't see past the pilot. The seat's too low. Take off.....

By the time the plane lands, feel glad to be in contact with the ground again.

After some time, freed from the parachute - thankfully unused - realise you enjoyed the journey.

I realised.

I flew.

Zoe Morgan

AGS CRICKET U13 XI VS. HENLEY HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday 8th July A.G.S. under 13 cricket team played Henley High.

We won the toss and put Henley into bat. Sam Grinstead bowled the first over, which was a very good one, until the last ball, which

was tragically hit for 4! From then on it looked as though we were in for another Henley defeat, as they scored quickly off bad bowling and sloppy fielding. It was not surprising that we only took one wicket; this was a run out of the 5th batsman after the four before him had retired (not out). They ended their innings with a total of 107 for 1 which we thought was virtually impossible for us to beat.

We opened our batting with Tom Coles and Simon Lockren.

We started off fairly slowly and only a few overs had gone when we lost the wicket of Lockren. I was next in and got off the mark with my first ball and, with a bit of luck, hit my second ball for 4! I was batting well, but at the other end it wasn't long before Coles was unluckily out when he hit his own wicket. Ben Joyce was next in and immediately started scoring quickly. We had a good partnership going when I was out to a fine catch. Next in was Daniel Carrivick. He didn't last long but Joyce was still doing well at the other end. The required run rate was up to 10 an over with only a few overs left. Sam Grinstead, the next man in, didn't last long either as our scoring slowed down. Matt Seeney was next in and batted well but our scoring slowed down until we needed to get 21 runs off the last over to win! There was a great effort to get there especially by Ben Joyce who smashed three boundaries in the over and ended with a very good total of 45 not out. Our final total was 101 for 5. We narrowly lost by six runs, but, even so, it was easily our best batting performance of the season.

Kelvin Meade

HAVE A GO

I have been competing in archery for two years. I take part in several competitions each year. My present titles include: 1st in the junior girls' under 13 West Midlands Championships, and 7th in the junior girls' under 13 National Championship.

The basic equipment for archery is as follows: A bow (preferably a wooden bow for beginners), a set of arrows and a bracelet (for prevention of bruises on the arm). These are really the basic necessities, although more advanced archers own a lot more equipment.

Most people have heard about archery and some have had the pleasure of having a go but if you would like to know more about this sport then ask me for information. This is a very friendly club and provides excellent facilities for beginners. There is nothing more satisfying than getting a gold!

Ella Poulter

COLD COMFORT LANE FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday 28th June 2S went on a geography field trip to the exotic location of Cold Comfort Lane, Alcester. We took samples of soil and recorded the type and names of the trees as we went along. We were each given a section of land to look at and to record details about. My group (Kelvin, Tom and I) had the last section. We included details such as type of soil (acid, alkali, loam, etc.) and the land use, e.g. pasture, wheat, barley. The nearest land to us was used for wheat but farther away the land had been set aside

to recover. Andrew, Nigel and James disappeared over the hill (never to be seen again). Mr. Maybury was head of our two groups and he soon had us going back (with a little persuasion from his whip!). Nigel ran ahead and I soon followed but Nigel had hidden. After a quick look round I went on. Rumbles and Bowler got separated and have never been the same since. We reached school at half past one and had lunch. The field trip was good fun and a great success!

Richard Clayton

THE DARKROOM

In the past year the school has acquired a new facility - a photographic darkroom. Converted from a small room on the ground floor of the new building (1962 block), the room is equipped with an enlarger, developing tanks, printwasher and all the other equipment needed for developing black and white films and making prints from them.

The darkroom has been used by those following the new GNVQ Art Course and others who are interested in photography as a hobby rather than as part of their curriculum. At present, students with the necessary skills and knowledge are training others on the well known "cascade" system.

C.J.J.

TRIP TO EDGBASTON

On 10th June, those girls who paid their £6.00 quickly enough, skipped a day of school and travelled over to Birmingham, to watch a day of tennis.

Having arrived at our destination, bought our way over-priced order of play booklets, and, of course, our precious tickets, we made our way to "Centre Court". I couldn't believe my good fortune. My seat hadn't been magically transformed into a miniature reservoir - but was bone dry - and I was privileged enough to have an empty seat in front of me!

After a brief knock-up, the match between Pam Shriver and Mana Endo began (I decided to support Shriver, for her purple shorts suited her beautifully, and, anyway, she started play at our end!). There were some quite brilliant rallies, with some most amazing shots at times. There were smashes which sent opposition and linesmen running for cover, and some wonderfully accurate backhands straight down the line.

Then quite suddenly Shriver started losing, and over-excited Endo fans cheered at every point won by their heroine. Things got too much for Pam at that point, and in a fit of temper she stood up and bawled at spectators "Don't shout 'Yes!' when I make a major *!@!%!". Some of the braver ones amongst us laughed and even cheered, but as her devoted supporter I thought it best to hold my tongue!

Things were just starting to look up for Shriver when in true British sporting tradition, the rain started, and the game stopped! Most of us took this opportunity to rush out and buy pancakes. Shriver and Endo, however, decided to change into a new sets of clothes. I considered this to be totally thoughtless on their part;

and I was then forced to support Endo, for her bright pink shirt was stunning, and powder blue didn't suit Shriver at all! The rest of the match was so good that even Anne Jones (1973 Wimbledon winner) turned out to see it, and I'm sure she was glad that she made the effort. Endo put up a terrific fight, with some superb volleys that Shriver could not possibly reach, but, even so, the match was slipping from her finger-tips. Suddenly, Shriver was serving for the match. Could Endo rescue it now, or was it too late? With white knuckles I gripped the edge of my seat, and quickly decided to keep my eyes open, since there are no replays in live tennis! I knew it would be a huge serve, and I wasn't wrong. Mana Endo did well even to get her racquet to the ball, but her return never made it to Shriver's side of the court. Although an official "Endo supporter", I couldn't help but applaud as the Umpire announced, "Game, set and match, Miss Shriver", for the quality of play had been excellent. I returned home tired but happy, for it proved to be a great day out. Watching live tennis beats everything - even if you don't get replays!

Sarah Foster

THE ROSES OF EYAM

Every year there is a junior production, presented by Mr. "English" Johnson. In Summer 1993 the play which was performed was "The Roses of Eym". This was much less light-hearted than any of the plays which Mr. Johnson had directed before (previous plays have been "Charlie And The Chocolate Factory" and "Toad Of Toad Hall"). Just because this was a more serious play, it was by no means less interesting! There were many parts to fill, so almost everybody who auditioned got a role, no matter how large or small. The plot concerns rector William Mompesson (played by Steven Mutton) and his wife, Catherine (Caroline Heath), coming to live in the village of Eym, in Derbyshire. Whilst they are there, the Black Death strikes Eym, and Mompesson and Thomas Stanley (Peter Sturdey), who are two rival clergymen in the village, get together to stop the disease from spreading. Nearer towards the three performance nights (Thursday 15 July to Saturday 17 July) people started panicking over their lines, as we were running slightly behind schedule! A tremendous amount of work was put in by various people who were involved in stage props, lighting, costumes, advertising and make-up. The play was a great success. Well done to all the actors, and thank you to everyone who was involved in any way, and especially to Mr. Johnson for organising it, and for hurrying people along to be ready on time!

Jo Prior

FENCING

One of the most enjoyable things I have been able to do through school is fencing. Every Tuesday night from four o'clock to five o'clock we go either into the school hall or down to the Greig Sports Hall.

To prevent yourself from being impaled on your opponent's foil you have to wear a protective white jacket and a heavy wire helmet. Whilst these are very good at protecting you from stab wounds, they are also very efficient at stopping any heat escaping from your body, meaning that on a hot day you are likely to find yourself melting into a puddle on the floor!

I first became aware of the fact that the school organises fencing via my sister, who had been before. The fencing coach, Mrs. Hammond, can coach either foil or épée. I only fence foil, as épée is harder and you are often hurt more.

I enjoy fencing immensely but there is one problem; his name is Jeffery Jones! He is much better than me, though he does try to help me (I need it!). All of the people at fencing are helpful when you are not fencing them, even though they do beat you all the time when you are fencing them!

At present, the ten lessons cost £16. I am told this is cheaper than it would be normally if you had lessons privately.

I enjoy fencing a lot and I recommend it to anyone.

Alek Wyzspianski

THE FLORENCE EXPERIENCE

On Friday 23rd October 1992, 40 eager 6th formers with passports at the ready gathered at the school with the daunting yet exciting prospect of a 30 hour coach journey taking them through France, Germany and Austria to Florence, Italy. It wasn't just the artistically inclined who took part but also musicians and those who just wanted to learn something new. Everyone had a sketch book and everyone attempted a sketch or two! If anyone suggests that the trip was a mere holiday, then several tired 6th formers returning on 31st October would strongly disagree! After a long journey involving an overnight stop in Worgul, Austria, we finally reached Montecatini, a spa town a few miles away from Florence. This was to be our place to collapse for the next four days. Florence can be considered as the centre of the Italian Renaissance. Many of the Great Masters such as Michelangelo, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci lived and worked in this inspirational town. We spent two days in Florence itself taking in only a small part of the artistic and cultural delights it has to offer. The rest of the time was spent in Sienna and in a small hill-top town called San Gimignano. Our first stop was the newly restored Brancacci Chapel with Masaccio's famous frescoes commissioned by the wealthy Brancacci family in the 15th century. Perhaps the most dominant feature of the Florence skyline is Brunelleschi's spectacular "Duomo" and its neighbouring belltower designed by Giotto. If you've seen "A Room with a View" then that's just a taste of the magnificence that we were faced with and stunned by. A few of the brave amongst us climbed the endless staircases to the top of the Dome and were treated to a stunning view of Florence from above. Over the two days spent there, places visited included: the Brancacci Chapel, The Duomo Tower, Church of Santa Croce, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio (an original 14th century bridge which has survived the centuries and still houses the traditional gold and silversmiths' shops), the Pitti Palace and Bobli Gardens, The Baptistery and many

more. One of the countless highlights of my visit was being given the opportunity to see great works by artists such as Michelangelo, Titian, Botticelli and Raphael amongst a great many others at the Uffizi Gallery (Opened to the public in the early 18th century). But this was only part of our trip. We also visited Siena, home of the Palio (a traditional family horse race which involves racing around the centre square), Duccio's "Maesta" (an enormous compilation of religious paintings encrusted with gold leaf) and yet another spectacular gothic cathedral built in the 12th Century. San Gimignano was also subject to the invasion where there was a bout of frenzied ice cream eating and souvenir buying! Another treat lay in store for us on the way home when we stopped in Padua to see Giotto's impressive frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel.

I know that I will never forget anything that I learnt on the visit and I'm sure no one else will either. Thanks to Mrs. Green, Rosie Green, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Dobell for putting up with us, helping us to appreciate the art and making this such a memorable and enjoyable trip. Roll on October when Mr. Taylor braves another expedition, this time to Amsterdam...

Pauline Hubner and Suzanne Lever

GRANT-MAINTAINED STATUS

During 1993 the school took grant-maintained status (GMS), and ceased to be run by Warwickshire County Council. The Governing body became responsible for nearly everything that goes on in the school.

This change had been considered by the Governors for two years, since it became apparent that the prospects of achieving the new buildings we desperately need were not good whilst we remained in Warwickshire's control.

The reason for Warwickshire's lack of funding lies in the government's unwillingness to release money for new buildings to local councils.

In the end it was not the governors who took the decision to become grant-maintained. Some of the parents organised a petition which asked the governors to take a ballot of parents' views about GMS. In the ballot the following question was asked:

"Do you wish Alcester Grammar School to apply for Grant-maintained status?".

The number voting was	624 (66% of those eligible)
The number voting YES	449 (72% of voters)
The number voting NO	175 (28% of voters)

The application was made to the Secretary of State For Education and the school became incorporated on April 1st 1993. It has long been the view of all those associated with the running of the school, that the change of status should not change the character of the school, and of the things we all hold dear.

The school has, however, appointed architects (Derek Latham and Company of Derby) to prepare a bid for new buildings, which will go before the Department For Education in October 1993. Read next year's "Record" to find out if we have been successful!

A.W.S.

A VISIT TO LONG LARTIN PRISON IN DECEMBER 1992

I looked ahead at a plain grey building which had eight foot high walls surrounding it with barbed wire on top. We walked inside and were led through many doors. Every room looked the same - until we reached the chapel. It looked like any other modern chapel, with one difference - it was part of a prison. I found it difficult at first to believe that those who had done wrong and broken the law could still be Christians, but I soon changed my mind! A group of fifteen Sixth Formers from Alcester Grammar School played carols with a choir made up of prisoners and staff. I saw how grateful the prisoners were for the help of God, they were made joyful and merry by the music, and brought home to me the phrase "make the most of what you have".

I think that everybody would say that the biggest success of the evening was the saxophone solo played by Spencer Braithwaite - thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. It never occurred to me until on the return journey that the joyful people I had been talking to and singing with could have actually murdered others or committed armed robbery. It made me realise for the first time in my life that prisoners aren't insane or aggressive - just normal humans beings. For me, the trip was thoroughly successful and I had an enjoyable and educational evening that I won't easily forget.

Mireille Stacey

THE NEW SIGN BOARD

When the school obtained its grant maintained status in April of this year, along with the financial and managerial changes that took place the opportunity was taken to redesign many aspects of the school's "corporate identity". These included the design of the new school prospectus and letterheads by Mr. Martin. The task of creating a new exterior school sign and directional aids also had to be considered. Mr. Shearn approached the LVI AS Design and Technology group headed by Mr. Cutts with a view to producing a package of design proposals to compliment the new image of the school.

Working to a design specification, layed down by the headmaster, the group set about the task, looking at different materials and appropriate printing processes whilst considering the various visual concepts. After a number of consultations the final designs were submitted and approved. Due to work starting on the main entrance, temporary signs needed to be made in order to re-direct visitors to the school. This was the groups's opportunity to give the new signs a test run.

Positive feedback resulted in minor alterations to the final designs which can now be seen around the school.

The main school sign which has been produced by screen printing onto the reverse of clear perspex sheet can be seen as a replacement to the old traditional hand painted sign by the main entrance of the school.
The design team consisted of: James Anthony, Marcus Kenyon, Simon Lloyd and Sam Shaw.

A.C.

THE SCOTTISH PLAY

"What are these, so withered, and so wild in their attire, that look not like th' inhabitants of the earth, and yet are on't?"

From this opening paragraph, you would be forgiven for thinking that this was to be an article about the teachers of Alcester Grammar School.

But you would be wrong! It is, in fact, a brief account of the attempt by the senior drama group to stage Shakespeare's great tragedy, Macbeth, in March 1993 (the opening quotation being Macbeth's exclamation on first encountering the Witches). A frisson of unease had run through the thespian community in the upper school. "Macbeth?" - "You mean 'The Scottish Play', darling!" - "I think she [Mrs. Green] is taking a bit of a risk there. Tempting fate, and all that..."

But what COULD go wrong? A huge cast. Tricky lines. Thousands of lighting cues. Complicated computerised graphics. Sound effects. Music. Costumes. Props. Smoke machines. Voice distorters. £30,000 worth of hired video projector set up on the stage.... Nothing could possibly go wrong! You'll see....

Three days to go until curtain up. Who was going to tell Mrs. Green that, er, Macbeth (Andrew Smith) was ill in bed with influenza!! She gnashed her teeth. He got better. She stopped gnashing her teeth. The whole cast breathed a big sigh of relief....

Wednesday night arrived. The first night went swimmingly. The performances progressed, with Macbeth becoming even more evil with each passing night, until, by Saturday, Andrew Smith STARTED as a blood-crazed, murderous screaming lunatic (and continued to get worked up as the play unfolded!).

Well done to all involved. This departure into serious Acting was a resounding success! Every last actor was magnificent, the costumes were superb, the stagecrew's effortless handling of all that technical wizardry was astounding, and the set was masterful in being so intimate, and versatile enough to convey settings from the Blasted Heath to Macbeth's castle.

Special mention must go to Andrew Smith and Emma Cooper, for their splendid playing of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, to Mrs. Green for such forceful directing, and for inventing a new game, to be played at rehearsals ("Has anyone seen Mrs. Green's handbag? She knows she left it round here somewhere..."), and, finally, to Alex Comer. Alex provided this production with the customary notoriety and air of disaster by carelessly getting his head sliced open on Macbeth's sword on Friday night, whilst playing Young Siward. What happened when he appeared in the Alexandra Hospital, in tights and heavy make-up, with a sword wound in his scalp, is another story entirely....

Jonathan Morgan

MEETING DAVID MOORCROFT

I was so excited but nervous. It was a Wednesday morning. My tummy was full of butterflies. "I can see him, I can see him," I said to Kate as I walked past the fitness room to go to the changing rooms. I was at last going to meet a real, well-known champion for once in my life. I bet he ignores me and just wants to get on with it because he has a hair appointment, or something, I thought. I was shaking. All sorts of thoughts were racing through my head. I couldn't do my laces up, I was shaking so much. I took a deep breath and walked into the fitness room where Dave Moorcroft was. "Hello!", said Mr. Cowell cheerfully. "This is Dave Moorcroft, the famous runner!". "Hello!" we all said in a chorus. We all sat down. "So how long have you all been doing distance running?" said Dave Moorcroft. He sounded so normal and down to Earth - he was just like an ordinary person!

Liz Wakeling

NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS?

The massive growth in the Sixth Form has created extra stress and strain upon our already cramped buildings. We also have a need for more technology spaces to cope with the changes produced by the National Curriculum. The P.E. Department suffers for 17 weeks of the year from being banned from the Hall by exams, drama rehearsals, musical events and outside speakers. The Music Department cannot even hold a full orchestral rehearsal in its rooms and has only two practice rooms for hundreds of instrumentalists. We are even considering holding some exams out of school in order to cope with the huge numbers taking them at one time! [This was successfully done for the 1994 LVI exams.] Staff quarters are crowded. The Sixth Form have to do most of their private study in the library, which becomes too crowded for others to use. Common rooms for the Sixth Form are hopelessly overcrowded. We have 11 classrooms in 9 temporary buildings - stifling in summer - arctic in winter! Many of our teaching rooms are very small, leaving almost no space for teachers to get round to talk to individuals. These are just some of our problems! We hope to report next year that we have been able to solve at least a few of them!

A.W.S.

PARIS TRIP 1992

To attempt to visit the majority of the spectacular sights of Paris in only four days seems to be, perhaps, an impossible task. It is however a task which the Upper Sixth French students managed to accomplish during their study trip to the French capital last November, when we stayed at "Le Centre International de Sejour" at Porte d'Italie.

In addition to the more traditional trips to "la Tour Eiffel", "l'arc de Triomphe", "les Champs Elysees", "le Louvre", "Notre-Dame", "le Sacre-Coeur" and a boat trip along "la Seine", the French department managed to further our knowledge of "le Paris" by including visits to less famous places and monuments. Amongst these was a tour of the fascinating, ultra modern business quarter, "La Defense", a wander through the recently transformed impressionist art galleries of "le Musee d'Orsay", formerly a 19th Century station, and a walk around the hill where the impressive labyrinth of "Pere Lachaise" cemetery is situated, known to Parisians as "la ville des morts", and where the tombstones boast such famous names as La Fontaine, Moliere, Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison.

Perhaps the two trips which left the greatest impression on my mind, and on most of the group, were both connected with the Second World War. The first of these visits was to "le Musee de l'Ordre de la Liberation", which houses thousands of documents and photographs concerning the French occupation, resistance and atrocities of the deportation. The second was a short but very worthwhile visit to "le Monument de la Deportation", a small, underground room filled with thousands upon thousands of tiny lightbulbs. Each light represents one French person who died in the German concentration camps. The fifteen minutes we spent inside this room was a unique and touching experience.

Naturally, in order to be able to do all that we did in only four full days meant leaving the centre very early each morning and not returning until about ten or eleven o'clock each night. Before we left Alcester the words "study" trip were continually emphasised, and I think that this is a very fair description of our stay in Paris, which involved a great deal of hard work! It was, however, thoroughly enjoyable and very beneficial to the A-Level topics of "Paris" and "la France sous l'Occupation" which we are studying. I returned to Alcester completely exhausted, but with a very broad knowledge of France's famous capital.

Vicky Harvey

RAG WEEK 1993

Earlier on in this school year, The Sixth form organised Rag Week. There were lots of things to see or hear, And entertainment was at its peak.

There were many different activities, Such as pillow fights and water splash. Most people won their heat with ease, And I'm sure we raised a lot of cash.

The money went to a chosen Fund,
We didn't know where to start!
The amount we raised surely stunned
Every pupil who took part.

Faye Swinbourne

RUSSIAN EXCHANGE

At Easter time 1992, a group of 5th and 6th form students spent ten days in Russia, on the second leg of what was, for all involved, a wonderful exchange. Our Russian partners had visited us in January and had marvelled at everything they saw, and for us the experience was no less novel.

Two things struck me after the first day, fatigue and the architectural diversity of Moscow - a city over 800 years old that has seen both the glory of Tsars and the effects of communism.

In Moscow we must have visited virtually every church still standing (and that was just on the first day); beautifully decorated buildings in which the Russian people obviously take a lot of pride. We visited the University and ascended over 300m in the T.V. tower. Amusements were provided by a children's operette, a visit to the breathtaking circus and outdoor swimming (although most of the Russian students advised against it, those of us who ventured thoroughly enjoyed it!). We also visited the beautiful villages of Zagarsk and Kaomenskavg.

We spend the second weekend in St. Petersburg, a truly beautiful city with a sad history. There we visited the largest art gallery in the world and an enormous cemetery where thousands of the victims of the Second World War are buried.

The Russian people were friendly and welcoming, and I think that everyone enjoyed the trip, and learnt a lot from it. We were very fortunate to catch such a glimpse of Russian life and culture, and to meet such nice people. I hope that one day, it can happen again.

Jessica Sproxton

STAFF CRICKET

AGS staff, being one up in the two match series with St. Benedict's, started the day in confident mood which was further buoyed by practice in the nets. However this was soon dampened due to late withdrawals, and AGS were only able to field a reduced side.

After winning the toss, AGS Captain (Mr. Forster) decided to bat (due in part to there being only 7 players on the top field!). A sound start was made with Mr. Simpson batting with some style while at the other end Mr. Kopp was striking the ball to all parts of the field. On reaching 25 Mr. Kopp retired and allowed the ever-popular Mr. Cowell to take up the attack. Unfortunately, when he hit his second ball to mid-off, a terrible mix-up occurred when the calls of "Yes!" and "No!" were heard to ring out simultaneously, resulting in Mr. Cowell being run out by a good six yards by an accurate throw! Mr. Cowell was naturally disappointed and politely remonstrated with Mr. Simpson. There was a crisis in the innings

when Mr. Simpson was given out Leg Before Wicket, despite a thick inside edge (Mr. Cowell was the first to commiserate with Mr. Simpson - and to congratulate Mr. Hathaway the umpire!). But the innings was steadied by Mr. Forster and Mr. Watson; the latter in particular struck the ball with ferocity (if with not much idea as to in which direction he intended it to go!). The rest of the team made a good contribution to the entertainment of the crowd of three Second Year girls, Natalie Lynch, Katie Ross and Jo Viner. Mr. Micklethwaite was out by standing on his own wickets, Mr. S. Cowell left a straight delivery and was duly bowled. Mr. S. Baker (a ringer from Woodrush School) scored a good 20 before being bowled. In his second visit to the crease Mr. D. Cowell was caught behind for 8 runs. AGS ended with 156 all out in 20 overs. St Benedict's made a very good start with both openers scoring well before retiring, but with tight bowling from Watson and Cowell S. the run flow was reduced. The offspin of Simpson was introduced at an crucial part of the match and promptly removed 2 batsmen with good bouncing, turning deliveries. St Benedict's then showed a fighting spirit and scored quickly with 3 good innings but despite this, the introduction of Mr. S. Cowell ended all hopes when he took 3 wickets with his devastating lack of pace or turn! St Benedict's ended only 17 runs short at 139 for 7 in 20 overs. The ashes (of something that shall remain nameless!) were presented to the victorious AGS team, who then asked Mr. Hathaway (very close to being fired for insignificance after his match winning performance in the first test) to act as keeper of the Ashes until the epic series can be resumed next year.

C.E.F.

TRAVELLER'S TALES

In 1992 Katie Allen took part in a year long sea voyage with a group of young people from around the world. This is a brief account of her story:

"The 10th August 1992, an old French sailing ship, the Fleur de Lampaul, left the North West coast of France for a journey to West Africa and South America. This was a two-year expedition entitled "Peoples of the water", a long voyage to discover nature and man by visiting the Imraguen people in the desert, the Bijogos in their African equatorial forest, the Wayana Indians in their Amazonian rainforest and the Curas Indians on their coral islands in the Carribean.

"I was the only English person taking part in the first stage of the voyage, to West Africa.

"On the way to West Africa we stopped briefly in Spain, Maderia and Lanzarote. But our destination was the port of Nouandhibou, the economic capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, a state in the Sahara Desert.

"We were to spend three months in this country, living with the Imraguen tribe (their name means "professional fishermen"). These people live between the sea and the desert, completely isolated from the outside world. The islands on the coast are an annual nesting site for thousands of migratory birds. Apart from these and a few jackals, there is no life at all. The Imraguen live on fish

and rice, dried fish, fish cooked under the sand, fish eggs, and baked fish!

"Our next destination in Africa was Guinea Bissau, the third poorest country in the world.

"There we stayed on the Bijagos islands with the Bijogos, a spiritual tribe. They believe that all things contain either a Good or a Bad spirit: trees, animals, water, everything. The Bijogos women wear short skirts of fig tree roots, and the men wear clothes from the far away market. There are no shops, and no hospitals either; if someone becomes ill, the only thing that can be done is to perform a ceremony and sacrifice chickens. This makes a good excuse for a party, where both children and adults become intoxicated with rum and "palm wine" (fermented palm tree sap, collected by the men from the forest)!

"After three months of living in this economically poor but naturally rich country, we set sail for French Guyana in South America. After seventeen days at sea we arrived on a river in the heart of the Amazonian rain forest."

Katie Allen

THE URBAN STRAWBERRY LUNCH

On 22nd March 1993 the Urban Strawberry Lunch came to our school to do a workshop with the first year. The Urban Strawberry Lunch are a group of people who make, and then play, musical instruments out of rubbish. I did the workshop with them first. It was brilliant. The instruments that we used were upside-down barrels, with which we produced rhythms. Then we added tapping a pan with a stick to our rhythm, and finally added tapping two sticks together. It was brilliant. Urban Strawberry Lunch use a triangle-shaped stand. Each performer uses one side of the triangle. Each side has different instruments on it. One side had pipes that you banged with bats. The second had tin pans on it. The third had upside-down barrels on it. Their performance was brilliant.

On 20th May some people from our school went to see them at Warwick Arts Centre. When the concert began, a school that had just done a workshop with them performed in front of us. They had been doing what we did in March. Another school followed straight after. Both schools were good. The "professionals" then came on. Their music sounded great. Some people went and danced - including Mr. Dobell and Mrs. Bradley. It was all brilliant!

Gemma Stacey and Vaishali Nathan.

THE WILFRED OWEN ANNIVERSARY PLAY

During the first week in March, the school was visited by a group called "The Loft Theatre" who are based in Leamington Spa. The group was performing a play called "Anthem for Doomed Youth" which was an adaption of Wilfred Owen's poetry and letters written during his service as a soldier during the First World War.

Included in their production was a mixture of reading combined with realistic drama, providing visual interest for the audience. It also contained some authentic musical sound effects and typical songs from that period.

The group was based on only six characters who were stereotypically soldiers and nurses from their effective yet simple costume. The group performed without scenery in a basic setting, therefore leaving a lot to the evocative language and portrayal of the characters, creating a very emotional and vivid description of the life of the poet.

Although the play was in some ways quite simple I thought that it was very well constructed and portrayed things like shell-shock extremely effectively, so that they had a real impact on people. It was serious, but it held the audience's attention well and really made us think about the pacifist messages of the play. I would encourage people to go and see any of the Loft Theatre's productions, especially those in their collection of First World War plays.

Becki White

SCHOOL REGISTER, 1992-1993

WELCOME, September 1993

Y7: Laura Walmsley, Andrew Hughes, Mohammed (Reaz) Auchoybur, Matthew Hatton, Anna Perkins, Judith Hill, Timothy Marshall, Catherine Wasley, Laura Watts, Elizabeth Wyatt, Kerry Morris, James Allen, Andrew Lea, John Haynes, Marie-Louise Gourlay, Samuel Parker, James Young, David Hawkes, Kathryn Pennington, Sara Wychrij, Georgina Hart, Jeremy Tupman, Alexander Drew, Ioan Rees, Emma Wells, Alexis Carter, James Clarke, Roberta Fleming, Kerry Hodgetts, Gillian Leather, Holly Moulson, Katherine Orwin, Nicola Ross, Rebecca Shearn and Lucy Tugwell, Julia Butler, James Billingsley, Benjamin Furlow, Kimberley Oakes, Rebecca Palmer, Lauren James, Jonathan Statham, Paul Bradley, Stuart Carr, Gemma Collins, Genevieve Duffill, Rosalind Boyall, Stephen Horrocks, Eve-Marie Knox, Elizabeth Boyce, Charlotte Joyce, Sui-Mai Chan, Alice Poulter, Rebecca Blackshaw, Christopher Blood, Jessica Taylor, Thomas Billyard, Shelley Nicholls, Louisa Park, Colin Robertson and Adam Harris.

L6 : Patrick Lamb (Ackworth School, Pontefract). William Bowring, Neil Carter, Johnathan Dover, Alison Fraser, Samantha Gould, Lucy Heneghan, Lucy Homer, Louise Jones, Philip Marton, Andrew Munton, Robert Parker, Hannah Rees, Claire Theobald, David Thompson, Victoria Williams and Beverley Wye (from Alcester High School). Sarah Harwood (From Alice Ottley School). Sharon Hardy, Catherine McLaren and Margaret McLaren (from Arrow Vale School). James Taylor (from Bowbrook School). Lisa Johnsey, Tamzin Mogg, Katharine Richards, Nicola Saint and Paul Vickery (From Bridley Moor School). Alicia Gold (from Dodderhill School).

Steven Baylis, Jennifer Butler, Emma Crean, Ian Horton, Andrew Palliser, Stuart Robson and Heidi Silvester (from Henley High School).
 Catherine Brown (from Holy Child School).
 Jennifer Armitage (from Kineton High School).
 James Penfold and Paul Sage (from King Edward's GS, Stratford-Upon-Avon).
 Dmitri Wychrij (King Edward's School, Birmingham).
 Julia Pickering (from King's High, Warwick).
 Louise Ashenford and Louise Wakelam (from Shottery Grammar School for Girls).
 Sonya Homer, Martin Johnson, David McElroy and Andrew Smith (from St. Augustine's R C High School).
 Katie Butterell, Helena Franczuk, Christian Goodhand, Charlotte Ingram, Dominic Jinks, Lindsey Lalegname, Claire McKendry and Margaret Reid (from St. Benedict's High School).
 Laura Hayes (from St. Dominic's).
 Nicola Humphrey (from Stratford-Upon-Avon High School).
 Teresa Arnott, Matthew Beech, Rachel Carr, Rebecca Fogarty, Lynette Horwood and Anne Thacker (from Studley High School).
 Richard Williams (from the Oratory School).
 Luke Henderson (from Warwick Boys' School).
 Nikki Cook (from Wroxall Abbey School).

FAREWELL, July 1993

Fifth Form Leavers:

David Beck, Russell White, Natalie Hill.

U6 CRS:

Lizzie Beech, Neil Davis, Kai Evans, Sarah Harrison, Anna Holloway, Anna Sheldon

U6 CPK:

Alison Green, Matthew Griffiths, Luke Jones, Esther Paul, Douglas Phelps, Lee Rich, Imogen Wade, Martin Ward, Rebecca Watson, Craig White

U6 LES:

Emily Banham, Alex Bunting, Helen Davis, Sally Hill, Polly Lister, Sarah Lloyd, Andy McKay, Kate Morley, Mark Morrison, Colin Pickstone, Paul Robertson

U6 MT:

Ann Flood, Greg Jinks, Linda Jones, Claire Mackle, Mel Short, Kate Snoswell, Adrian Stagg, Emily Taylor, Kylie Thompson, Jon Walsh

U6 PDNB:

Joy Braithwaite, Robin Bullock, Gregory Clark, Christopher Clark, Alister Haran, Rebekah Hartrick, Joannah Kilby, Chris Last, Esther Lock, Anna Tompkin, Gillian Turner

U6 CJJ:

Phillip Baker, David Charlton, Kate Freeman, Penny Harris, Christine Laidler, Ryan Latham, Matthew Penlington, Celia Poxon, Carl Smith, Louise Smith

U6 MEA:

Jane King, Johnny Maye, Andrew Moore, Emma Neale, Nicola Phillips, Jonathan Ratcliffe, Andrew Smith, Jessica Sproxton, Alex Taylor, Matthew White

U6 KAJ:

Tim Badham, Louise Bennion, Catherine Bishton, Anna Chalmers, Shaun Coward, Karen Gibbons, Joanne Hocken, Stephen Jasper, Emma Kirby, Ruth Layton, Juliet Preston-Mafham, Keith Vincent, Jonathan Ward, Alan Young

U6 JMW:

Sebastian Bak, Spencer Braithwaite, Debbie Burgess, Bethan Carter, Stuart Daniels, Adele Hughes, Andrew Jones, Karen Mace, Andrew Stanford, Andrew Taylor, Emma Waters

U6 RFD:

James Blatcher, James Bostock, David Butler, Georgina Canning, Louise Constantinou, Kirsty Fenlon, Vicky Harvey, Sarah Ladbury, Helen Newbrook, Richard Pennington, Andrew Seed, Matthew Webb, Beth Williams, Keelie Worrall

U6 GRW:

Matthew Dewsbury, Claire Gough, Rebecca Hiscocks, Annie Jobson, Rebecca Martin, Ian Steele, Nadine Stone, Katie Thompson, Jamie Turner

U6 BEWW:

Lisa Ballinger, Paul Berry, Emma Carter, Ranjit Chohan, Matthew Devey, Elissa Hawker, Nicola Jones, Martin Lauer, Fiona Pickering, Jo Powis, Steven Tarte, John Webster.

SENIOR PREFECTS 1993/94

Head Boy	-	Jo Abbot
Deputy	-	Dan Agnew
Head Girl	-	Claire Robbie
Deputy	-	Lucy Corbett

DESTINATIONS OF SIXTH FORM LEAVERS 1993

Badham Tim	Birmingham University	Finance
Bak Sebastian	Kingston University	German, Politics & Economics
Baker Phillip	Sunderland University	Geology
Ballinger Lisa	Plymouth University	Food Technology
Banham Emily	Leeds University	Environmental Chem.
Barry Ruth	1994 entry Leeds Univ.	French & German
Beech Elizabeth	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Bennion Louise	Brookes University	Languages for Business
Berry Paul	Plymouth University	Oceanography/Navig.
Bishton Catherine	Lancaster University	Art & Design
Blatcher James	Roehampton	Sports St/Geography
Bostock James	Leamington College	Retakes
Braithwaite Spencer	Imperial Coll, London	Chemistry
Braithwaite Joy	Harper Adams	Rural Environment Protection
Brown Alastair	Solihull College	Resits
Bullock Robin	Newcastle University	Computer Studies

Bunting Alex	Luton University	Psychology & Social Studies
Burgess Deborah	John Moores, Liverpool	Nursing
Butler David	1994 entry	Geography/Earth Sciences
Canning Georgina	AGS	Retakes
Carter Bethan	1994 entry to Manchester	Combined Studies
Carter Emma	Bradford University	Electronic/Elec. Engineering
Chalmers Anna	Coventry University	Equine Studies
Charlton David	Year out	
Chohan Ranjit	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Clark Gregory	Applying 1994	
Clarke Christopher	Birmingham University	Chemistry
Constantinou Louise	Leamington College	Retakes
Coward Shaun	Sheffield Hallam Univ.	Systems Modelling
Daniels Stuart	1994 entry Crewe & Alsager	Physical Education
Davies Helen	St. Martin's, Lancaster	Teacher training with Music
Davis Neil	Destination unknown	
Devey Matthew	Middx. University	Psychology & Business Studies
Dewsbury Matthew	Plymouth University	Earth Sciences
Evans Kai	Leamington College	Retakes
Fenlon Kirsty	W. Sussex Inst. of HE	Teacher training with Religious Studies
Flood Ann	Newcastle University	Ancient History & Classical Studies
Freeman Kate	1994 entry to Glamorgan	Psychology
Gibbons Karen	Redditch College	Retakes
Gough Clare	Applying 1994	
Green Alison	Univ. Central Lancashire	Hospitality Management
Griffiths Matthew	Lancashire University	Financial Services
Haran Alister	De Montfort University	Software Engineering
Harris Penny	Brookes University	Food Science
Harrison Sarah	Sheffield University	HND Business & Finance
Hartrick Rebekah	Bromsgrove College	NNEB Diploma Nursery Nurse
Harvey Victoria	Applying 1994	
Hawker Elissa	Ripon & York	Teacher training with French
Hill Sally	1994 entry to Nottingham	Medicine
Hiscocks Rebecca	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Hocken Joanne	Reading University	Teacher training with Music
Holloway Anna	Chester	Teaching Training with Geography
Hughes Adele	Leamington College	Retakes
Jasper Stephen	Stafford University	Media Studies
Jinks Gregory	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Jobson Annabel	1994 entry Univ. of Central England	Sociology

Jones Andrew	Birmingham Univ.	Management Engin/Commerce
Jones Linda	Univ. Central Lancs	Midwifery
Jones Luke	Grimsby College	Social Sc/Psychology
Jones Nicola	Univ. East Anglia	French
Kilby Joanne	Abbey Tutorial College	Retakes
King Jane	Applying 1994	
Kirby Emma	Edge Hill Univ. College	Geography
Ladbury Sarah	AGS	Retakes
Laidler Christine	Newcastle University	Medicine
Last Christopher	1994 entry Keele Univ.	Elec. Music/Comp. Science
Latham Ryan	Hull University	Management Systems
Lauer Martin	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Layton Ruth	Derby University	Geography
Lister Alexandra	Manchester Met.Univ.	Theatre Arts
Lloyd Sarah	Trinity & All Saints Leeds	Design/Tech.
Locke Esther	Moreton Morell	HND Equine Studies
Mace Karen	Luton University	Travel and Tourism
Mackie Claire	Employed at Public Sector	Building Magazine
Major Andrew	Leicester University	Medicine
Martin Rebecca	Warwick University	Teacher Training with Geography
Maye Jonathan	Ipswich F.E. College	HND Sports and Leisure
McKay Andrew	Humberside University	Business & Economics
Moore Andrew	Loughborough University	Mechanical Engineering
Morley Kathryn	Aberystwyth University	Biology
Morrison Mark	Sheffield University	Business St & Engineering
Neale Emma	Birmingham University	Medicine
Newbrook Helen	Westhill College B'ham	Teacher Training with Mathematics
Packham Alexandra	Au pair Germany	
Pain Yvonne	1994 ent.- at CSV working with physically disabled	
Paul Esther	Worcester College	Sociology, Policy & Music
Pearson Kathryn	Humberside University	Combined course
Penlington Matthew	Rose Bruford Coll. Drama	Technical Theatre
Pennington Richard	Leamington College	Retakes
Phelps Douglas	Leamington College	Retakes
Phillips Nicola	1994 entry Plymouth Univ.	Drama & Media
Pickering Fiona	Leicester University	English
Pickstone Colin	Univ. Central England	Economics & Finance
Powis Joanna	Birmingham University	Music & Russian
Poxon Celia	Applying 1994	
Preston-Mafham Juliet	Plymouth University	Extended Science
Ratcliffe Jonathan	Nene College	Drama/Psychol/Sport
Rich Lee	York University	Electronic Eng.
Robertson Paul	UMIST	Electronic Eng.
Seed Andrew	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Sheldon Anna	Southampton University	Politics & Law

Short Melanie	Sheffield University	Env. Geology
Smith Andrew	UCL	Medicine
Smith Carl	Seeking employment in Accounting	
Smith Louise	Applying 1994	
Snoswell Katherine	1994 entry Nottingham	Medicine
Sproxtton Jessica	1994 entry Sussex	English/Europ. Studies
Stagg Adrian	Brookes University	Electronic Engineering
Stanford Andrew	Employed at Eclipse Insurance - Arrow	
Steele Ian	Nottingham Trent Univ.	Computer Studies
Stone Nadine	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Taylor Alexandra	Univ. Central England	Engineering
Taylor Andrew	Newcastle College	HND Music Technology
Taylor Emily	Care Assistant with Warwickshire County Council	
Thompson Kylie	Leamington College	Retakes
Thompstone Katie	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Tompkin Anna	Leamington College	Art Foundation
Turner Gillian	Bournemouth University	HND Institutional Management
Turner Jamie	Aston University	Computer Science
Vincent Keith	Applying 1994	
Wade Imogen	Plymouth University	Combined/General
Walsh Jonathan	Terry of Redditch	Quantity Eng. Trainee
Ward Jonathan	Birmingham University	Geology
Ward Martin	Employment	
Waters Emma	Applying 1994	
Watson Rebecca	Leamington College	Retakes
Webb Matthew	SWCFE	BTEC
Webster John	Employed at Commercial Union, Worcester	
White Craig	Seeking employment	
White Matthew	Oxford University	Law
Williams Elizabeth	Applying 1994	
Worrall Keelie	Evesham College	NNEB Diploma
Young Alan	Leeds University	Fuel & Combustion Sciences

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS 1993

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Yasmin Khan (1981-88) has graduated from the University of Leeds with the degree of MD. She has also been awarded her MRCPs. She is to work as a junior doctor in hospitals in Leeds and Huddersfield.

Alistair Moore (1988-90) has graduated from the University of Plymouth with the degree of BEng class 2(i).

Suzanne Marshall (1982-89) has graduated from the University of Warwick with the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Education.

Sophie Ratcliffe (1988-90) has graduated from Kings College in the University of London with the degree of BSc class 1 in Ecology.

Darren Swayne (1988-90) has been awarded the degree of BSc in Economics and Management at the University of Hull.

Paul Sanders (1988-90) has graduated from Brunel University with the degree of BEng class 2(i) and is now working for Shell in the Netherlands.

Sadie Gould (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in Finance and Accounting at the University of Salford.

Miles Davison (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BSc class 1 in Physics at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Gary Woodward (1983-90) has graduated from the University of Central England with the degree of BA class 2(i) in Town Planning, and is now working for an MA.

Liam Sawyer (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Media and Communication.

Simone Coward (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in French and German at the University of Aberystwyth. Clare

Brassington (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) and Qualified Teacher Status at the University of Warwick.

Victoria Frost (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in History and Qualified Teacher Status at St Martin's College, Lancashire.

Alastair Kenneth (1982-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Geography at the University of Sheffield.

Paul Winsper (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Geography at the University of Sheffield.

Andrew Yates (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Accounting and Modern Languages at the University of Sheffield.

Stephen Ashworth (1988-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Accountancy and Finance at the University of Humberside.

Katherine Steele (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in Biology at the University of Nottingham and is to take an MSc in Applied Genetics at the University of Birmingham.

Jennifer Kiely (1983-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Fine Art at the University of Middlesex.

Piers King (1987-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Quantity Surveying at the University of The West of England.

Nigel Green (1986-89) has been awarded his PGCE at Newman College Birmingham and is teaching at Warndon Primary School in Worcestershire.

Sheila Lewis (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BEd class 2(ii) at the College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth and has taken a teaching post at Wribbenhall Middle School, Bewdley.

Valerie Derave (1989-92) is taking a paramedic preparation course a Demot Couvereur in Belgium.

Rebecca Page (1988-90) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in History at the University of Reading.

Kerry Phillips (1982-89) has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Politics and International Studies at the University of Sunderland.

Richard Russell (1984-90) has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in Chemistry at the University of Liverpool.

Richard Paget (1981-87) has been awarded the degree of MB/ChB, with Honours, at the University of Birmingham.

Jonathon Cooper (1985-92) has been awarded a scholarship at the University of Oxford where he is studying Chemistry.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION RESULTS, SUMMER 1993
RESULTS ACHIEVED BY UPPER 6th:

GCE Advanced level

SUBJECTS	ENTRIES	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	Others
Art with									
Art History	23	7	5	5	3	2	1		
Biology	27	4	7	2	5	3	3	3	
Chemistry	30	3	9	2	5	8	1	2	
Physics	33	4	3	3	12	5	6		
Economics	20	1	2	3	7	3	3	1	
English	47	4	9	7	12	9	3	3	
French	20	4	2	2	6	2	3	1	
Geography	34	2	3	11	9	5	3	1	
German	7	1	2	3	1				
History	21	1	3	4	6	5	2		
Mathematics	38	6	4	8	6	5	4	5	
Further Math	5	1		1	1	2			
Music	4		2		1	1			
Nutrition & Food Science	10	1	3	2	4				
Theatre St.	16		3	3	5	2	1	2	
TOTAL	335	39	57	56	83	52	27	20	1
Absences	1								

GCE Advanced-Supplementary

SUBJECTS	ENTRIES	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	Other
Art & Design	1				1				
Chemistry	3	1	1				1		
Computing	14	3	1	1	3	2		1	3
Design & Technology	4	1	1						2
Electronics	5	1	1	2			1		
French	5					1	2	2	
Geography (Human)	6		2	1	1	1	1		
Geography (Nat. Environ)	6			1	1	1	2	1	
Geology	14			3	5	4	2		
German	3	1		1				1	
History	7				2	2	2	1	
Mathematics	14			4	1	2	2	5	
Music	8				1	4	2	1	
Nutrition & Food Sc.	1					1			
Statistics	11	1	1	1	3	3	1		1
TOTAL	106	8	8	14	19	21	16	14	6
without absentees	100								

G.C.S.E.

SUBJECTS	ENTRIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	N/A
Law	5	3	1	1						
Mathematics	2			1		1				
Russian	6			1	1	2			1	1
TOTAL	13	3	2	3	2	1			1	1

RESULTS ACHIEVED BY YEAR 11:

G.C.S.E.

SUBJECT		ENTRIES	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
ENGLISH	Boys	30	6	14	7	3			
	Girls	36	15	16	5				
	Total	66	21	30	12	3			
ENG. LIT	Boys	30	2	10	13	5			
	Girls	36	7	23	6				
	Total	66	9	33	19	5			
MATHS	Boys	30	12	10	8				
	Girls	36	16	8	12				
	Total	66	28	18	20				
SCIENCE	Boys	60	30	10	20				
Double	Girls	72	26	24	22				
Award	Total	132	56	34	42				
HISTORY	Boys	19	6	6	6	1			
	Girls	14	6	4	4				
	Total	33	12	10	10	1			
GEOGRAPHY	Boys	21	5	7	8		1		
	Girls	26	11	10	4	1			
	Total	47	16	17	12	1	1		
FRENCH	Boys	26	14	7	5				
	Girls	32	25	6	1				
	Total	58	39	13	6				
GERMAN	Boys	18	2	9	5	1			1
	Girls	26	13	10	3				
	Total	44	15	19	8	1			1
H.E.	Boys	4	1	3					
	Girls	8	5	3					
	Total	12	6	6					
ART	Boys	16	13	5	4	1			
DESIGN	Total	39	15	8	8	7	1		
MUSIC	Boys	4	2	2					
	Girls	9	5	3	1				
	Total	13	7	5	1				
C.D.T.	Boys	12		1	4	5	2		
	Girls	6		3	2	1			
	Total	18		4	6	6	2		
TOTAL	Boys	270	82	82	80	21	4		1
	Girls	324	142	115	64	3			
	Total	594	224	197	144	24	4		1

GAMES 1992-93

CRICKET

1st XI played 2 won 1
 U16 XI played 2 won 1
 U15 XI played 4 won 3
 U14 XI played 4 won 3
 U13 XI played 5 won 2
 U12 XI played 5 won 2

Captain: Martin Firth
 Captain: Matthew Gwynn
 Captain: Brett Green
 Captain: Chris Beckley
 Captain: Ben Joyce and
 Simon Lockren
 Captain: Colin Buckle

The U12 XI lost to St. Benedicts in the final of the Alcester Schools Tournament held at Exhall and Wixford Cricket Club. The U1 XI also played in an indoor 6-a-side tournament, when they played matches and won 4 of them. Our cordial thanks go to Mr. Ian Lockre for organising the team.

RUGBY

1st XV played 11 won 8	Captain: Richard Pennington
U16 XV played 2 won 2	Captain: Richard Evans
U14 XV played 9 won 1 drew 1	Captain: Ian Stevens
U13 XV played 7 won 2	Captain: Ben Joyce
U12 XV played 3 won 3	Captain: Sean Tilley and Tom Warren (AHS)

The 1st XV (past and present members) also defeated Alcester Rugby Club on Boxing Day. The U12 team was a combined side with Alcester High School, and the additional interest made it possible to play side of volunteers rather than pressed men! The match against Kenilworth High School was D.C.'s 200th 1st XV fixture. He is now into the 3rd century DC !

SOCCER

1st XI played 13 won 7 drew 3	Captain: Colin Pickstone
U16 XI played 2 drew 1	Captain: Richard Evans
U15 XI played 4 won 2	Captain: Peter Griffiths
U14 A XI played 4 won 1	Captain: Paul Powell and John Carrivick
U14 B XI played 2 won 2	Captain: Tom Hill
U13 XI played 4	Captain: Tom Coles
U12 XI played 2 won 1	Captain: Jason O'Korafor

The U16 B XI won the Alcester Police 5-a-side Tournament. The under 12 XI were runners up in the South Warwickshire Indoor 5-a-side Tournament.

BOYS' HOCKEY

1st XI played 2 won 1	Captain: Andy Taylor
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BOYS' TENNIS

U15 played 3 won 2	Captain: Robert Abbot
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TENNIS

We played 12 matches and won 8 of them. Teams included seniors, U15, U14, U13. The U13 team won all of its league matches and went through to the next round.

Colours were awarded to Caroline Heath (junior) and Olivia Powis (senior)

SCHOOL TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Girls' Finals: Senior : Claire Robbie beat Olivia Powis 6-3, 6-3.
Junior : Caroline Heath beat Rebecca Mooney 6-2,
3-6, 6-4.

HOCKEY

A total of 54 matches were played of which we won 29. This total includes some mixed games and some 6-a-side indoor games. This involved using the Sports Halls of other schools - a new experience

for our teams. An increasing number of away games and tournaments are now played on astro-turf. Four teams took part in tournaments. The U14 team won in their first round and went on to be runners up in their section at Coventry. The U16 team won their section but lost in the semi-final. The U15 and U18 teams both did well.

NETBALL

A total of 40 matches have been played of which 18 were won. Six teams took part in tournaments. The U15 team reached the final of the Alcester Tournament and the U13 team won their trophy. The U12 were runners up in their tournament at Kineton.

Junior Colours were awarded to Alison Snoswell, Katie Lisle, Annabel Allen, and Fiona Gibson, while senior colours went to Sarah Espley, Claire Robbie, Serena Avery, Pauline Hubner and Louise Lidsey.

ATHLETICS

Teams were entered for the TSB Schools' Cup Track and Field. The intermediate girls finished 3rd out of 9 schools. The junior girls also came 3rd out of 9 schools and went through to the regional B final held at Corby. They competed well against stiff opposition to finish 7th out of 8 schools.

In the South Warwickshire meeting year 7 girls won their event and year 7 boys came second, year 8 boys came first and year 8 girls came second and year 9 followed the same pattern.

Colours were awarded to Fiona Gibson (junior), Lucy Corbett and Miriam Stanley (senior)

The following were selected to represent Warwickshire: Mary Harries, Miriam Stanley, Lucy Corbett.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

The following all represented Warwickshire in 1992-93 :

Mary Harries, Melanie Short, Becky Martin, Matthew Dewsbury (Cross country); Paul Beezely, Tim Jarmy, Martin Firth (Soccer); Lucy Corbett, Mary Harries, Miriam Stanley, Paul Powell (Athletics); Ben Joyce, Simon Lockren, James Bowler, Brett Allard, Jon Tait, Jo Popplewell, Jo Snoswell, Jill Bennett (Orienteering); Adele Hughes, Chris Beckley (Swimming).

The following represented the South Warwickshire Area:

Paul Powell, Chris Beckley, Ian Stevens (Rugby); Hayley Simpson, Becky Key, Liz Wakeling, Jeniene Boot, Sean Tilley (Cross country); Helen Packham, Liz White, Stuart Daniels (Fencing).

THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD

Wells came first with 274 points, Spencer second with 232, and Newport third with 218.

In the following summary of results, an asterisk indicates the establishment of a new school record.

1st Form 100m :	S. Tilley (N), J. Jones (N), J. O'Korafor (W)
2nd Form 100m :	M. Seeney (W), O. Raison (S), 3)=B. Joyce (N)
	3)=R. Clayton (S)
200m :	O. Raison (S), R. Clayton (S), B. Joyce (N)
400m :	I. Hickman (S), J. Davies (W), A. Wheeler (S)
800m :	D. Carrivick (N), S. Tilley (N), J. Davies (W)
1500m :	J. Bowler (S), S. Haynes (S), J. Long (N)
4x100m "A" :	Spencer, Wells, Newport
4x100m "B" :	Wells, Spencer, Newport
Long jump :	S. Tilley (N), M. Seeney (W), I. Hickman (S)
High jump :	J. Bowler* (S), I. Hickman (S), B. Joyce (N)
Shot :	K. Harris* (W), R. Clayton (S), J. Davies (W)
Discus :	S. Haines (S), J. Alexander (S), A. Bradburn (W)
Javelin :	J. Bowler (S), T. Coles (W), S. Haynes (S)

3rd Form 100m :	M. Henderson (N), C. Beckley (S), M. Hickman (S)
4th Form 100m :	J. Bingham (N), S. Bugden (S), A. Tither (S)
200m :	J. Bingham (N), A. Tither (S), M. Newbrook (W)
400m :	A. Bailey (W), M. Henderson (N), M. Hickman (S)
800m :	A. Haden (W), P. Powell (W), J. Davies (N)
1500m :	A. Haden (W), A. Bailey (W), A. Kendry (N)
4x100m "A" :	Newport, Spencer, Wells
4x100m "B" :	Spencer, Wells, Newport
Long Jump :	M. Henderson (N), M. Newbrook (W), P. Powell (W)
High Jump :	T. Heneghan (W), A. Tither (S), J. Bingham (N)
Shot :	C. Beckley (S), J. Higgins (W), S. Dewsbury (W)
Discus :	A. Bailey (W), M. Hickman (S), S. Holton (N)
Javelin :	T. Heneghan (W), A. Haden (W), J. Stockwell (S)

100m	:	M. Lardner (W), P. Bennett (N), J. Daffern (W)
200m	:	M. Lardner (W), J. Blatcher (S), N. Firth (N)
400m	:	R. Jones (W), P. Bennett (N), J. Morgan (S)
800m	:	M. Green (W), R. Jones (W), T. Jarmy (S)
1500m	:	M. Green (W), S. Lloyd (N), T. Jarmy (S)
4x100m	:	Newport, Wells, Spencer
Long Jump	:	J. Blatcher (S), M. Lardner (W), A. Levine (S)
High Jump	:	R. Jones (W), T. Jarmy (S), J. Abbott (S)
Shot	:	A. Philps (N), F. Jones (S), M. Wood (W)
Discus	:	F. Jones (S), E. Waine (W), D. Agnew (N)
Javelin	:	A. Philps (N), G. Brinton (W), J. Hale (W)

1st Form 100m : K. Sergeant (S), J. Boots (W), K. Saunders (W)
2nd Form 100m : C. Greening (N), R. Foster (S), J. Prior (W)
200m : C. Neville (N), F. Gibson (W), L. Wakeling (W)

800m	:	F. Gibson (W), H. Marshall (S), L. Wakeling (W)
1500m	:	M. Goodall (S), A. Kerr (N), B. Taylor (W)
4x100m "A"	:	Newport, Wells, Spencer
4x100m "B"	:	Wells, Newport, Spencer
Long Jump	:	L. Smith (N), R. Foster (S), L. McFarlane (N)
High Jump	:	W. Curtis (S), K. Sergeant (S), J. Boots (W)
Shot	:	J. Poppewell (N), F. Gibson (W), R. Steele (W)
Discus	:	A. Kerr* (N), E. Blackman (W), S. Agar (N)
Javelin	:	B. Taylor (W), M. Goodall (S), J. Michell (N)

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

3rd Form 100m	:	L. Collett (W), R. Bradley (N), O. Grubb (S)
4th Form 100m	:	M. Stanley (W), A. Macdonald (S), L. Hawker (N)
200m	:	M. Harries (W), A. Macdonald (S), A. Snoswell (N)
800m	:	M. Harries (W), S. Bratton (S), A. Allen (S)
1500m	:	S. Bratton (S), K. Taylor (S), L. Leather (N)
4x100m "A"	:	Wells, Spencer, Newport
4x100m "B"	:	Wells, Newport, Spencer
Long Jump	:	A. Snoswell (N), M. Harries (W), L. Collett (W)
High Jump	:	M. Stanley (W), R. Bradley (N), A. Whitehead (W)
Shot	:	Z. Morgan (S), E. Edkins (W), S. Clayton (N)
Javelin	:	S. Bratton (S), M. Sapanidis (W), E. White (S)
Discus	:	J. Cooper (W), K. Lisle (N), N. Dean (S)

SENIOR GIRLS

100m	:	C. Robbie (W), T. Bradshaw (N), V. Parish (W)
200m	:	J. Harrison (N), F. Hatcher (W), L. Pennells (S)
800m	:	J. Bennett (W), L. Corbett (S), L. Lidsey (N)
4x100m	:	Spencer, Wells, Newport
Long Jump	:	T. Bradshaw (N), V. Parish (W), E. Macdonald (S)
High Jump	:	L. Corbett (S), T. Bradshaw (N), F. Hatcher (W)
Shot	:	L. Lidsey (N), C. Robbie (W), S. Lever (W)
Javelin	:	F. Marchant (S), C. Robbie (W), L. Lidsey (N)
Discus	:	L. Corbett (S), D. Davies (S), S. Lever (W)

VICTOR LUDORUM CUP

Junior	:	James Bowler (Spencer)
Inter	:	Martin Henderson (Newport), Aaron Bailey (Wells) & Andrew Haden (Wells)
Senior	:	Robert Jones (Wells) & Mark Lardner (Wells)

VICTRIX LUDORUM CUP

Junior	:	Fiona Gibson (Wells)
Inter	:	Mary Harries (Wells)
Senior	:	Lucy Corbett (Spencer)

BOYS' ATHLETICS CUP	:	Wells
GIRLS' ATHLETICS CUP	:	Wells
SPORTS SHIELD	:	Wells

STAFF NEWS 1993

We had to say farewell to a number of members of staff during the year, and our good wishes go with them. Firstly Mrs. Julia Hall, who leaves after 11 years with us as a biology teacher; since 1988 she has also been head of the Biology Department. She was also in charge of the work for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and showed great efficiency and meticulous care in its administration. She leaves us to spend more time with her new daughter, Stephanie, who was born in February 1993. Mrs. Jenny Pattenden left us after 6 years at the school as a part-time teacher of mathematics. She goes to a full time post at St. Phillip's Sixth Form College in Birmingham. Tony Gerwitz came as a part-time teacher of biology and chemistry in September 1992. Amongst his previous experience was a long period as an experimental officer at NVRS, Wellesbourne. During the year he took on a full time appointment in the Biology Department during Mrs. Hall's maternity leave. Mrs. Mary Preston came at the same time and for the same reason. Among her previous experience was work for the "Watch" organisation, and teaching at the Wood Green School at Witney in Oxfordshire. Mrs. Adele McVeigh, a graduate of the University of Keele, came as a part-time French teacher in January after teaching at the Heart of England School in Solihull.

Now for the newcomers. Mrs. Rosemary Bennington is our first full-time librarian. A graduate of the University of Liverpool (History and English), she was librarian at the College of Horticulture in Pershore before she came to us. The library staff will be augmented by Mrs. Heather Bratt (parent of a former student here); she came to our aid with help in the office during staff absence earlier in the year. Martin German replaces Mrs. Hall as Head of Biology. A graduate of the University of Liverpool (Marine Biology), he comes to us from Ounsdale School in Staffordshire. Among his previous experience is a spell of VSO in Sierra Leone. He is a keen photographer. Frank McAree is to be the Information Technology Co-ordinator, and will also teach control technology in the Design Technology Department. He is a graduate of the Simon de Montfort University in Leicester, and previously taught at Archbishop Grimshaw's School in Birmingham. The Economics department will be augmented by the arrival of Mrs. Margaret Campbell who is to teach economics and business studies part-time. Trevor Wright is to teach English part-time. He is a graduate of the University of Exeter, and was previously Head of the Faculty of English and Communication at the Abbey High School in Redditch. Laure Redfern joined us as a part-time teacher of French. A graduate of the University of Savoie, she comes to us from Langley School, Solihull. Finally we had the pleasure of the company of Eva Zauner (from Austria) and Catherine Col (from France) during 1992-93 when they worked with us as foreign language assistants.